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From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 4:31 PM
To: 'Larry Harris'
Subject: RE: Urging the Commission to DENY Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Harris:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: Larry Harris
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 4:23 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Urging the Commission to DENY Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a senior citizen of the upstate on a fixed income, I urge you to deny the proposed 12 percent increase request from Duke Energy Carolinas. Even greater concern is for the citizens in the upstate who are below the poverty level. With 15 percent of the South Carolina population in poverty according to the US Census and the average median income below the national average, a 12 percent increase would be a great hardship.

Duke Energy Carolinas has a track record of paying quarterly dividends to its shareholders for 92 consecutive years. Lynn J. Good, Chairman, President, CEO addresses in her Letter to the Shareholders that "We (Duke) also implemented innovative ways to run our company more efficiently, helping us deliver strong financial results while continuing to grow our dividend." Furthermore, she states "Tax reform provides our company a unique opportunity. It will Allow us to reduce customer bills."

My question is - If Duke Energy is reporting to its shareholders that it can afford to reduce customer bills, then why request a rate increase from those who cannot afford it? It appears that Duke Energy is covering something up in order to allow the customers provide the shareholders yet another year of positive quarterly results.

Let Duke Energy shareholders share in the cost to better serve its customers with the Tax Reform. Please ask them how much was their reduction? Where did this go? Was it passed onto the shareholders where the "adjusted diluted earnings per share were \$4.57"?

It is not fair for customers to pay for the problems that Duke Energy Carolinas has faced in other parts of the country.

Please consider DENYING the request.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Harris
Greenville, SC